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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-22 and 33-40, drawn to a method for treating a cancer patient comprising administering monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621 or a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621, classified in class 424, subclass 141.1.
 - II. Claim 23-28, drawn to a process for mediating cytotoxicity of a human tumor tissue sample comprising administering a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621, classified in class 435, subclass 7.23.
 - III. Claim 29-32, drawn to a process for detecting and isolating cells that express a CD44 antigen, which is recognized by a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621, classified in class 435, subclass 7.92.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The methods of Inventions of Groups I-III differ in the method objectives, method steps and parameters and in the reagents used. The inventions of Group I recites a method for treating a cancer patient comprising administering monoclonal antibody

produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621 or a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621; the invention of group II recites a process for mediating cytotoxicity of a human tumor tissue sample comprising administering a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621; the invention of group III recites a process for detecting and isolating cells that express a CD44 antigen, which is recognized by a monoclonal antibody having the identifying characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by ATCC clone PTA-4621. The inventions of groups I-III are directed to methods that recite distinct steps, are not required one for the other, and achieve different goals. The examination of all groups would require different searches in the U.S. Patent shoes and the scientific literature and would require the consideration of different patentability issues. Thus, the inventions of Groups I-III are separate and distinct in having different method objectives, method steps, parameters and reagents used and different endpoints and are patentably distinct.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter and different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one

or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Blanchard whose telephone number is (571) 272-0827. The examiner can normally be reached at Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, can be reached at (571) 272-0832. The official fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully,
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